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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9234

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 4607

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, US, IS, NO, DR

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO SALVAGE US OBSOLETE MUNITIONS

REF : STATE 217591

1. THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED THE DEPARTMENT'S AND DOD'S COGENT REASONS FOR ARRIVING AT ITS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE DAVIDSON-JACKSON PROPOSAL TO SALVAGE US OBSOLETE MUNITIONS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. BASED ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL, AS WELL AS INFORMATION PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY BY MSSRS. DAVIDSON AND JACKSON, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT MEET THE LEGAL CRITERIA AS EXPRESSED IN THE FMS ACT. THE SKETCHY INFORMATION AT HAND INDICATES THAT THE PROPOSED SALVAGE OPERATION WOULD APPEAR TO BE LARGELY A PRIVATE AS OPPOSED TO AN OFFICIAL ENDEAVOR IN WHICH THE PRINCIPALS INTENDED TO REALIZE SUBSTANTIAL PERSONAL PROFITS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER SUPPORTS THE PROJECT (VIRTUALLY EVERYONE HERE CLAIMS THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR HIS FAVORITE IDEA).

2. IF IT WOULD NOT UNDULY OFFEND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENSE OF BUREAUCRATIC TIDINESS, WE SUGGEST THAT CAPT.

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SANTANA'S LETTER BE STUDIED INDEFINITELY. WE CAN THEN

BETTER JUDGE GODR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BY GAUGING THE NATURE
AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PRESSURE, IF ANY, THAT THE ABSENCE OF
A PROMPT REPLY MIGHT GENERATE.
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